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### H. S. Ag Class On Field Trip to Soil Project

The advanced agriculture class of Torrance high school is soil conservation conscious.

Last week the members journeyed to La Habra, where Mr. Forey of the Soil Conservation Service, through the aid of projects demonstrating the various methods of preventing soil erosion. If the farmers on the north slope of the Palos Verdes Hills had had the benefit of these demonstrations they might still have had some valuable top soil to cultivate.

The boys and their instructor Harry H. Stone, saw orchards planted on contour terraces around hills—not rows straight up and down to become muddy rivers in each rain. They saw the terraces on gently sloping hay land which permitted most of the rain water to soak in, and the excess to slowly run off—but not run off with the fertile top soil.

They saw check dams of concrete and earth fill drains to halt progress of gully erosion. The class was interested in permanent Bermuda grass cover crops in citrus orchards sprinkled as a lawn, these orchards producing the highest quality fruit in the packing house.

Fields which the conservation service considered too steep to cultivate were returned to permanent pasture, and the number of head regulated to provide natural re-seeding of pasture grasses.

The practical value of this work was emphasized when the local group recalled the condition of Highway 101 after heavy rains, particularly in the area of street rehabilitation by the county and the repair of damage to homes and gardens and fields.

### Tiny Baby's Foot Prints One Inch Under Average

Study of the footprints of most babies born recently at Torrance Memorial hospital revealed this week that they averaged about three and one-quarter inches long.

But Gary Otis Lambrigger, tiniest infant ever to be born at the hospital here, has footprints that just managed to be two inches long!

The baby weighed two pounds, four and three-quarter ounces two days after Caesarian birth Nov. 30. Yesterday he tipped the nursery scales at three pounds three-quarter ounces—a gain of 1 1/2 ounces. He will remain at the hospital and in the incubator until he has reached a normal weight. Mrs. Lambrigger was allowed to return to her Lomita home Dec. 4.

### Clerk Reports Municipal Receipts

City Clerk A. H. Bartlett informed the city council Tuesday night that tax collections for December amounted to \$10,102.23 which included \$674.74 for the municipal water district. He also reported receipt of \$798.09 in dividends from state compensation insurance.

**BETSY BOSS LUNCHEON**  
All Star members are invited to attend the luncheon meeting of the ways and means committee to be held in Masonic temple, Monday, December 19, at 12:30 p. m.

Man first worshipped trees of Lomita had been spent for soil conservation practices, how much better off all would have been, they opined. Upon return to school, the boys voted this the most profitable field trip of any enjoyed by the group.

### HELEN FOOTS ELECTED R.N.A. ORACLE

Torrance Camp Royal Neighbors elected Helen Fouts as oracle for the ensuing term at a meeting held in Torrance Social hall last Tuesday evening.

Other officers were elected as follows: Ada McCune, past oracle; Helen Smith, vice oracle; Anna Woodbourne, chancellor; Mary Baker, recorder; Adeline Smith, secretary; Louise Walker, marshal; Marie Benson, inner sentinel; Leona Micheau, outer sentinel; Elsie Smith, manager; Ruth Barton, assistant marshal; Martha Cooper, flag bearer; Ada Munis, musician; Mary Schroeder, faith; Margaret Jones, usefulness; Berna Stevenson, courage; Leola Denny, endurance; and Lizzie Benzel, modesty.

The annual Christmas party will be held in the Social hall corner of Portola and Torrance boulevard, Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 8:00 p. m.

**HIGH SCHOOL P.T.A. BOARD MEETING**  
High School Parent Teachers executive board met for their monthly session at the high school Monday. Plans for the meeting to be held in the high school new auditorium next Thursday evening, Dec. 22, were completed.

Mrs. Charles Woodcock announced that requests for a second 12 week course in Parent Teacher Education classes under the direction of Mrs. Wright has been granted. Mrs. J. O. Bishop was named Parent Education chairman, succeeding Mrs. L. G. Barkdull, who resigned. Membership in the association to date is 124.

### Parties Honor Murphys Who Left Monday for Florida

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Murphy with children Jimmy Gene and Pat left Monday in a Halco trailer to spend Christmas with Mr. Murphy's mother and brothers in Arcadia, Florida.

Accompanying them on the trip were Mr. and Mrs. Murphy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Smith of Hollywood.

A number of parties honoring Mrs. Murphy prior to her vacation were given last week. Members of the Thursday Afternoon Brunch Bridge club met Thursday at the home of Mrs. Michael Strasser and presented Mrs. Murphy with a loving going away gift.

Mrs. O. A. Modglin was hostess Friday, when she entertained at a prettily appointed luncheon at her home at Long Beach. The affair was a surprise to Mrs. Murphy and guests presented the honored one with a makeup box.

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Prizes were won by Mmes. Fischer and Ingold. The Herald—50c for three months.

### WOMEN OF MOOSE ACTIVE GROUP

Elsie Smith, Lillian Gossiaux, Vertie Grimm, Opal Williams and Augusta Barnett attended the meeting of Long Beach Women of the Moose last Tuesday evening.

Each lady present remembered the honor with an attractive gift and Earl Conner, who dropped in to enjoy the surprise for a brief time added his gift to the many others.

Christmas party at Moose hall, 1526 Cravens avenue, Friday (tomorrow evening) at 8:00 p. m. Mrs. Opal Williams, senior regent of Women of the Moose No. 44, will entertain members at Christmas party at the home of her sister, 22056 Moneta avenue, Monday, Dec. 19.

**FERN AVENUE P.T.A. MEETING TUESDAY**  
Rev. Father Joseph V. Fitzgerald of the Catholic Church of the Nativity will be guest speaker at the meeting of Fern Avenue Parent Teachers Association to be held in the school building garden room Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 2:00 p. m.

Pupils of the first grade will present a short Christmas program. Mrs. W. J. Bowers, association president invites all parents and friends of the school to attend the meeting.

**EPISCOPAL GUILD ELECTS NEW OFFICERS**  
At a meeting of St. Cecilia Guild of St. Andrew's Episcopal church yesterday afternoon Mrs. Julia Cucci was elected president to succeed Mrs. Helen Mitchell. Other new officers chosen were Mrs. Anna Sandstrom, vice-president; Mrs. Mildred Harder, secretary, and Mrs. Lucille Thompson, treasurer.

Prizes were captured by Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Wilkes.

### MRS. CONNER FETED AT BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

Mrs. Earl Conner will remember last Thursday afternoon for some time to come. It was her birthday and 30 members of the Lutheran Ladies' Aid Society celebrated the occasion with a surprise party at the home of Mrs. Petrina Fritz, 2117 Torrance boulevard.

Each lady present remembered the honor with an attractive gift and Earl Conner, who dropped in to enjoy the surprise for a brief time added his gift to the many others.

Assisting Mrs. Fritz in entertaining were Mmes. A. E. Kerber, and Mrs. C. Erickson. Candies represented friends present and served as a reminder to Mrs. Conner to count her friends and not her years.

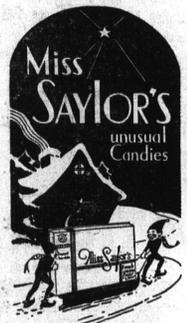
Guests included Mmes. Minnie Gensler, Vivian York, Ella Quigley, Ruth Leitz, Cora Schwartz, J. B. Wilson, Joseph McKenna, C. Erickson, Anna Woodbourne, Victor Anderson, Theodore Bortnem, H. P. Nelson, Ervorn Korff, Frank D. Mechleng, J. C. Bay, C. L. Hoffman, C. Benzel, H. Coll, Anna Carlson, Sarah C. Murray, Margaret Dobrick, A. E. Kerber, Miss Ruth Kerber, Miss Virginia Lee Dobrick, and the honoree.

**PARTY HONORS FORMER RESIDENT**  
Honoring her house guest, Mrs. Fred Jumper of Ojai, Mrs. R. L. Lowellen, 1307 Madrid avenue, entertained at a contract bridge party in her home Monday evening.

Included were Mmes. Fred Jumper, J. R. Wilkes, Michael Strasser, Leonard Young, May McDonald, Dean L. Sears and the hostess.

Prizes were captured by Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Wilkes.

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